

REMARKS:

Claims 29-56 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 1-28 are currently canceled herewith, without prejudice.

Claims 29-56 are hereby added herewith.

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-20, and 22-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,460,038 to Khan *et al.* (“Khan”).

Claims 2, 12, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Khan in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,931,900 to Notani *et al.* (“Notani”).

Applicants respectfully submit that all of Applicants arguments and amendments are without *prejudice* or *disclaimer*. In addition, Applicants have merely discussed example distinctions from the cited prior art. Other distinctions may exist, and as such, Applicants reserve the right to discuss these additional distinctions in a future Response or on Appeal, if appropriate. Applicants further respectfully submit that by not responding to additional statements made by the Examiner, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner's additional statements. The example distinctions discussed by Applicants are considered sufficient to overcome the Examiner's rejections. In addition, Applicants reserve the right to pursue broader claims in this Application or through a continuation patent application. No new matter has been added.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-20, and 22-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Khan in view of the Examiner's Official Notice. Claims 2, 12, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Khan in view of Notani.

Applicants respectfully submit that by canceling Claims 1-28, Applicants ***have rendered moot the Examiner's rejection of these claims and the Examiner's arguments in support of the rejection of these claims***. Applicants further respectfully submit that new Claims 29-56 contain

unique and novel limitations that are not taught, suggested, or even hinted at in *Khan*, *Notani*, or the Examiner's Official Notice, either individually or in combination. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 29-56 are not rendered obvious by the proposed combination of *Khan*, *Notani*, or the Examiner's Official Notice. Applicants further respectfully submit that Claims 29-56 are in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that Claims 29-56 be allowed.

CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Although Applicants believe no fees are deemed to be necessary; the undersigned hereby authorizes the Director to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 500777**. If an extension of time is necessary for allowing this Response to be timely filed, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the extent necessary. Any fee required for such Petition for Extension of Time should be charged to **Deposit Account No. 500777**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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